

September 2024

Dear OCIA2 Student,

Welcome back to a new PREP year at St. Stanislaus! We are grateful that God has given us the opportunity to spend more time with you this year and we will continue to pray for you and your family.

Last year we spent time learning general information about the Catholic faith and ways to work on our relationship with God. This year is a very special one in our faith journey as we prepare to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil (Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>). We will certainly continue learning about our faith through a number of resources and activities, but we will also be opening our hearts and minds to examine our own personal faith. We will be exploring ways in which we can more actively help others and serve God in our daily lives.

In addition to learning <u>inside</u> the classroom this year, our journey also takes us <u>outside</u> the four walls of the classroom. This involves not only your catechists and classmates, but also your parents, your sponsor, your patron saint, and our entire St. Stanislaus community.

We know that this will be a year you will always remember, and we feel truly blessed to be a part of it.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, September 11th!

Sincerely,

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Baptism – brings new life in Christ Confirmation – strengthens our new life with the gifts of the Holy Spirit Eucharist – nourishes us with the body and blood of Christ